

OBITUARY

Wayne Morse, 85

MONTGOMERY –Wayne Morse, 85, passed away at the Baystate Medical Center on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024.

Born in Westfield, Nov. 29, 1938, he moved to Montgomery in the late 1950s, building his own home and becoming a life-long resident. He was predeceased by his wife, Linda and his brother, James Howard “Jim” Morse of Middlebury, Vermont.

He leaves two bothers, Oren R. Morse of Jacksonville, Florida and Louis F. Morse of Hampden. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; he was married to Linda for 65 years before her passing. He also leaves his son, Jeffrey Morse of Westfield; his son, Jerald W. Morse of Montgomery; his granddaughter, Ashley E. Smialek (Morse) and her husband, Matt T. Smialek of Westfield; two great-grandsons, Tristan C. Rogers and Brady S. Jacobs; a grandson, Justin M. Morse of Southwick; his wife, Alexis A. Morse; a great-granddaughter, Mattison S. Morse and a great-grandson,



Tate J. Morse.

He was always a happy child growing up and ended up with the nickname “Happy” which over time evolved into the name “Hap,” which was the name he went by the majority of his life. He worked on the road crew for Montgomery in the early years and then started his own independent contracting business, Morse Builders. He built several houses in Montgomery and the surrounding hill towns and did all forms of carpentry, masonry, repair and electrical work. After his retirement he got involved in local politics and was a selectman in Montgomery for several years. He had a broad knowledge of so many things, both carpentry and mechanical and he was always willing to lend a hand to family and friends. He will truly be missed by all that knew him

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 1-3 p.m. at the Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield, MA. Burial will be private.

DEATH NOTICE

MORSE, WAYNE

Died Oct. 12, 2024
Visiting hours Oct. 20 from 1-3 p.m.
Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, Westfield
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OBITUARY POLICY

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FLORENCE

Florence Bank supports mental health

FLORENCE – Florence Bank supported the Mental Health Association’s 26th annual Wellness Classic Golf Tournament with a \$5,000 sponsorship, helping the organization live into its mission to better the lives of people challenged by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Founded in the 1960s and formerly based in Springfield, the Mental Health Association is now located in Chicopee and is a pioneer in community-based support for those living with mental illness, homelessness, intellectual disabilities, brain injuries and substance use.

The organization offers over 60 residential programs in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties and operates these four divisions, each serving a different segment of need: Recovery and Housing, supporting people with substance use disorders or a mental health diagnosis, and people experiencing chronic homelessness; New Way Services, for those who have experienced a brain injury; Integration and Community Living, serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and Bestlife Emotional Health and Wellness, an outpatient behavioral health clinic based in Springfield.

“We help people live their best lives, and we provide access to therapies that provide emotional health and wellness,” said Jen Ducharme, vice president of development and community relations at the Mental Health Association. “Our mission is to serve as many people as possible, as quickly as possible in ways that are person-centered. Everything is catered to the person receiving care because everybody’s

needs are different.”

The Mental Health Association serves about 3,500 to 3,800 people each year, and its annual golf classic was held this year on Sept. 27 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam; it typically raises roughly \$100,000.

Florence Bank President and CEO Matt Garrity said, “The funds raised for the Wellness Classic enable the Mental Health Organization to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. We were honored to help by sponsoring so that individuals get the treatment they need to rebuild relationships with family, revive self-worth and independence and live a life of health and wellness.”

Florence Bank is a long-term supporter of the Mental Health Association and has been the organization’s banking partner for about 10 years.

Ducharme said, “Florence Bank has been a wonderful partner to us with all of our banking needs and providing support in many ways for the work that we do. They have a presence—unique and sincere. We know that no matter what, we can count on them to discuss finances or for help with an initiative.”

To learn more about the Mental Health Association or make a donation, people may visit mhainc.org/.

Florence Bank is a mutual savings bank chartered in 1873. Currently, the bank serves the Pioneer Valley through 12 full-service branch locations in Florence, Northampton, Easthampton, Williamsburg, Amherst, Hadley, Belchertown, Granby, Chicopee, West Springfield and Springfield.

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PART TIME SNOW PLOW DRIVERS NEEDED

Part time snow plow drivers are needed for the Town of New Braintree for the 2024-2025 season. Positions available for both CDL (\$30/hr) and non-CDL License (\$25/hr). If you are interested, please contact Highway Superintendent Richard Ayer at (508) 867-2451 or email hwy-secretary@newbraintree.org.

SHORT ORDER COOK, breakfast/lunch. John's Corner in Ludlow. Call John 413-537-2455.

The Town of Huntington is seeking a part-time **HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** for 16 hours per week. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook. Hours are flexible, but must be worked during the regular highway department hours of Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist the Highway Superintendent. Application and complete job description are available online at www.huntingtonma.us or by emailing admin@huntingtonma.us. Position is open until filled. Town of Huntington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Job Connection

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Town Accountant The Town of Middlefield, Massachusetts is advertising for a Town Accountant

Terms: Part Time beginning October 31st
Salary: \$15,000 / year
Education: Bachelors

Requirements:

- 3 to 5 years experience in Municipal Accounting, experience as a municipal auditor would be a plus
- 3 plus years using the Vadar accounting software
- 3 plus years experience with the rules and concepts of the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS)

Interested Candidates may apply by sending a Cover Letter and/or a resume to the Town Administrator at middlefield.adm@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MIDDLEFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Middlefield ZBA is holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Middlefield Town Hall** regarding the application of Jana L. Gross and Michael A. Bero for a finding under MGL Chapter 40A, section 6 and Middlefield Zoning Bylaw section 3.2.3 in order to install a garden shed at their property located at 162 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA, Deed Book No. 14974, Page No. 19

Maureen Sullivan, ZBA Chair
10/10, 10/17/2024

Notice of Hearing Town of Williamsburg
A public hearing will be held under Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 138 on **Thursday,**

October 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., in Room 203 of the Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, to act on the application of Pat’s, LLC, for a Change of Ownership Interest in their annual All-Alcohol Package Store liquor license at 51 Goshen Rd, Williamsburg.

By order of the Board of Selectmen.
Paul Wetzel, Chair
10/17/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0331CA In the matter of: Samuel Nathan LaBay CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Samuel Nathan LaBay of Woronoco, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Samuel Anthony Archambault IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 15, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/17/2024